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Shaun will be returning to the office on 9/7.

Uinta Basin FIP - Governor Herbert has requested a ten minute call with you to discuss EPA's draft FIP for the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservations. On August 17, 2016, Governor Herbert sent a letter requesting that the EPA ensure that any new federal rules for the U&O Reservation align with Utah's regulations. The Governor also expressed concern that our proposed FIP was developed without considering the 2014 Uinta Basin oil and gas emissions inventory. Mark R., Janet M. and Shaun M. are in the loop on talking points for a short call scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th.

Utah Regional Haze Court Filings- On 9/1/16 the State of Utah filed a petition in the Tenth Circuit for review of EPA's final action for partial approval of Utah's Regional Haze SIP and promulgation of a FIP. The State and PacifiCorp also filed applications to EPA for an administrative stay of the FIP.

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U.S. Senate Field Hearing in Rapid City, SD - Senator Rounds, Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Public Works, chaired a field hearing in Rapid City, South Dakota on August 30, 2016. Shaun represented EPA and sat on a panel with Noreen Walsh, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service Regional Director. Sen. Rounds started his opening statement with an overall theme that the federal regulatory process needs to make certain federal regulations are promulgated in a transparent, open process with adequate public participation. He specifically focused on the Waters of the U.S. Rule stating the “rule creates significant hurdles to normal agricultural operation.” He concluded by stating that “rather than creating an adversarial relationship, agencies should strive to work in cooperation with landowners towards the shared goal of environmental conservation.” The Senator directed several questions at Shaun regarding how EPA views its outreach to the public when creating new rules and regulations. Shaun stressed the importance that public input has on rule making and provided examples of the efforts EPA has made to provide the public every opportunity to express their comments and views on proposed rules. Sen. Rounds concluded the hearing by stating that the rule making process in Washington D.C. needs to be changed. He cited that in many cases these rules do not go through congressional review and are issued from executive branch agencies with no congressional input. Below is the opening statement from Sen. Rounds and a few articles on the hearing.

<http://www.rounds.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/rounds-opening-statement-at-subcommittee-hearing-in-rapid-city>

<http://www.kotatv.com/content/news/Landowners-bear-the-burden-of-complying-with-many-government-regulations-391793811.html>

<http://www.blackhillsfox.com/content/news/Senator-Rounds-hosts-discussion-on-environment-and-private-land-391803121.html>

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/rounds-questions-epa-at-senate-field-hearing-in-rapid-city/article_74df960a-5df7-5eac-a1f3-a134e928ef77.html

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